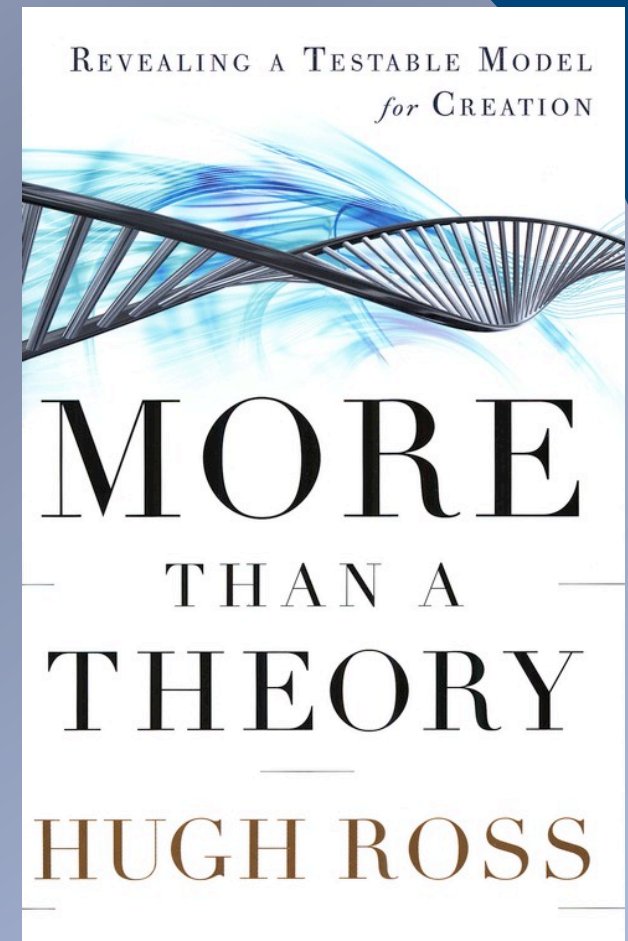


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# Agenda

- Background
- Resources
- Needs
- Tonight's Talk

# RTB Resources:

- Publications:
  - **NEW REASONS TO BELIEVE MINI-MAGAZINE (Web and Mail)**
  - **REASONS NEWSLETTER (Web and Mail)**
  - **TODAY'S REASON TO BELIEVE (Web and Email)**
- Blogs: Take Two and Average Joe's Corner
- Podcasts and Videos
- Papers by Friends of RTB
- Other stuff on the web

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# Huntsville Network Status

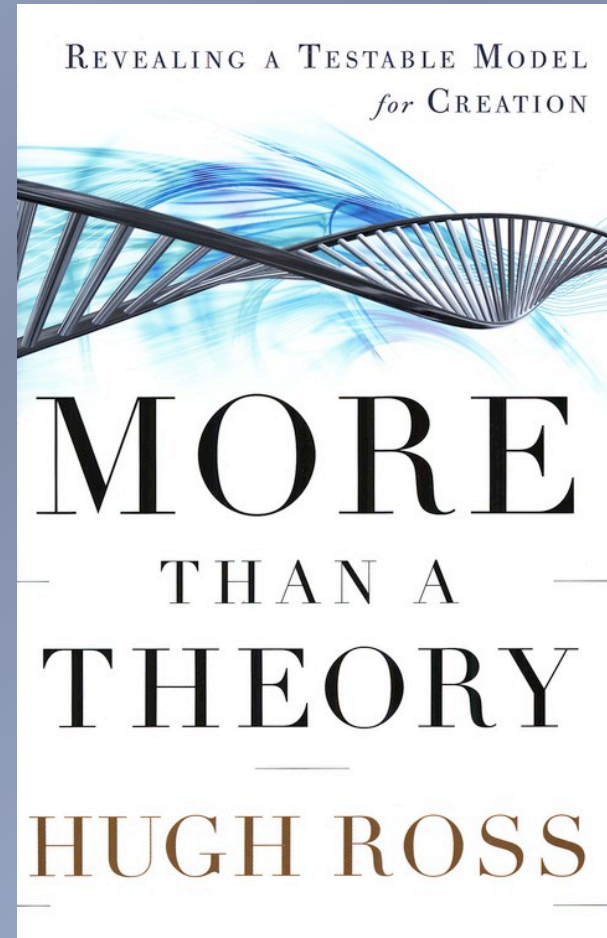
- Huntsville Network is in need of trained apologists;
- *RTB Chapters shall be led by at least four RTB-trained individuals (officers), one of whom must be an RTB-trained apologist:*
  - *Chapters consist of at least seven members and officers:*
  - *president, ministry team coordinator, outreach coordinator, and promotion coordinator*
  - *Each RTB Chapter officer shall sign and return a copy of the RTB Statement of Faith*

# *More Than a Theory: Revealing a Testable Model for Creation by Hugh Ross*

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1. *The Fingerprint of God*, 1989, 3rd ed. 2005
2. *The Creator and the Cosmos*, 1993, 3rd ed. 2001
3. *Creation and Time*, 1994
4. *Beyond the Cosmos*, 1996, 2nd ed. 1999
5. *The Genesis Question*, 1998, 2nd ed. 2001
6. *The Genesis Debate*, 2002)
7. *Lights in the Sky and Little Green Men*, 2002
8. *A Matter of Days*, 2004
9. *The Origins of Life*, 2004 (with Fazale Rana)
10. *Who Was Adam?*, 2005 (with Fazale Rana)
11. *Creation as Science*, 2006
12. *Why the Universe is the Way it Is*, 2008
13. *More Than a Theory*, 2009





## *More Than a Theory Resources:*

- Book
- RTB'S Testable Creation Models  
<http://www.reasons.org/rpbs-creation-model/tcm-big-bang>
- iTunes Podcasts, discussions for each chapter of the book  
<http://www.reasons.org/resources/radio-broadcasts-and-podcasts>
- Testable Creation Models include:
  - Big Bang, Biochemical Design, Cosmic Design, Faint Sun Paradox, Flood, Human Origins, Life Design, Life's Origin, Multiverse, Origin of the Universe, Speciation, Two Creations

# So what is a Testable Creation Model?

- What is science?
- What is a model?
- What is a Creation Model?
- What is testable?
  
- “Science has been defined as the pursuit of systematized knowledge and understanding about the way the universe, with its governing laws and all it contains operates”
- “An attempt to explain the natural world in terms of natural processes, not supernatural ones”-Eugenie Scott (National Center for Science Education)



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- A model is a pattern, plan, representation, or description designed to show the main object or workings of an object, system, or concept (wikipedia.com)

# So what is a Testable Creation Model?

- What is science?
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- A creation model is an approach that attempts to explain the creation of the universe, life, man, etc... in a systematic way
  - Creation models are based upon your philosophy or basis assumptions of reality

# So what is a Testable Creation Model?

- What is science?
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- The basic tenets and assumptions of these creation models should be testable

## *More Than a Theory-Models:*

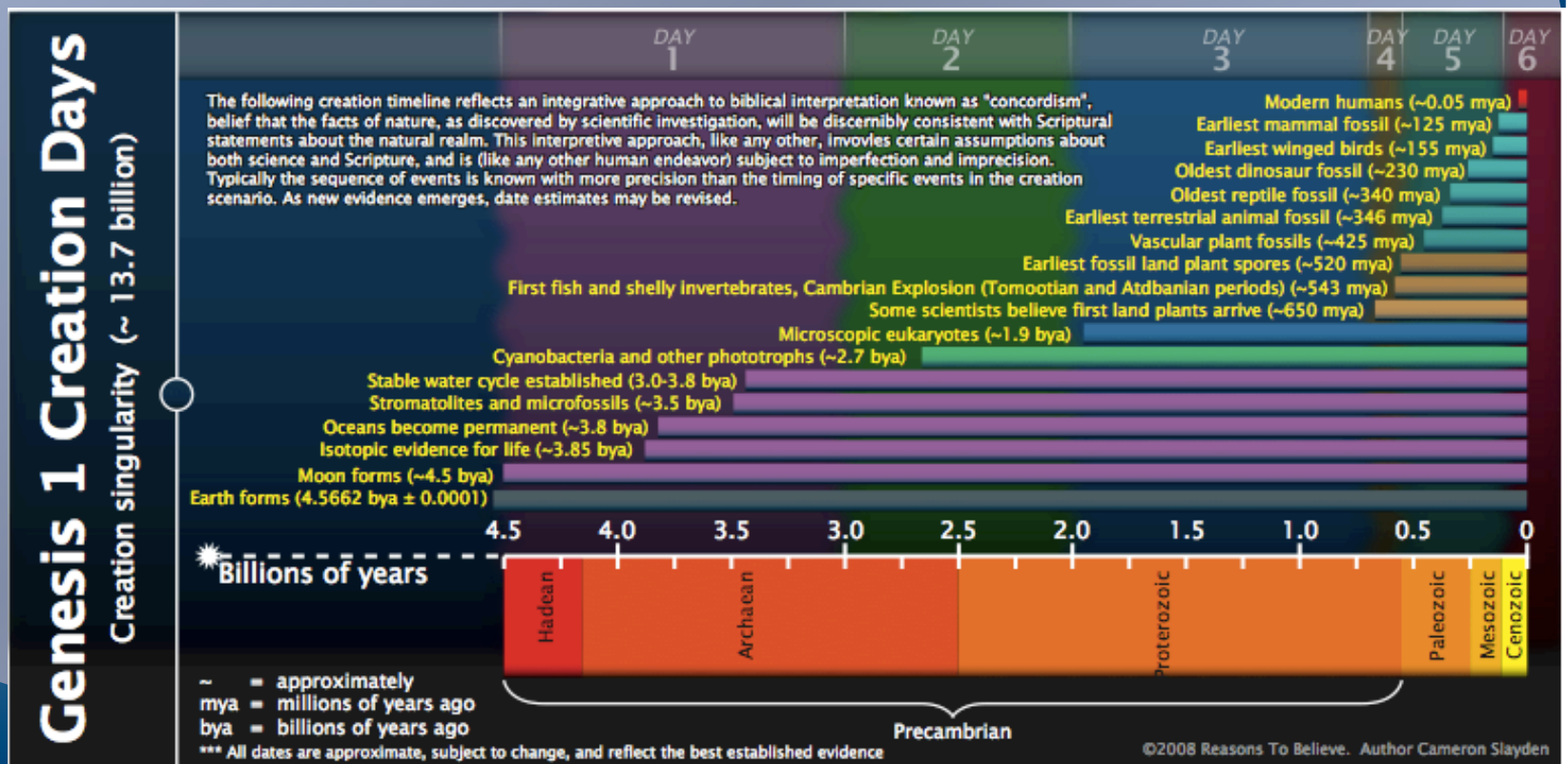
- The Book discusses the following models:
  - Evolutionists (Naturalism), Young Earth Creationism, Intelligent Design, Old Earth Creationism, Theistic Evolutionist, Framework Theorists, Progressive Creationist, Concordists
  - Others Biblical Options exist
- Really breaks into multiple camps:
  - Young Earth Creationism (Young Earth)
    - Science is an enemy to faith
  - Old Earth Creationism (Old Earth)
    - Science is a friend to faith
  - Theistic Evolution
  - Naturalism (Old Earth)
    - Faith is an enemy to science
  - Age of the Earth is not relevant

## *RTB's Model Resources and Standards (Chapter 5):*

- Major Biblical Creation Accounts
  - (Table 5.2 page 61)
- 109 relevant scientific points of data (page 109)
- The model building process
- Overview:
  - Chap 6: Core Biblical, theological and other foundations
  - Chap 7-13: explanations of RTB Creation Models
  - Chap 14: Skeptics challenges
  - Chap 16-18: Future ways to test

# *RTB Testable Creation Model Tenets:*

1. Dual Revelation
2. Creation Purposes
3. Creation's Chronology
4. Detectability of the Devine





## *More Than a Theory-Predictions Other Resources*

- <http://www.reasons.org/resources/Predictions>
- Compares “Predictions” between 4 Creation Models:
  - RTB'S Testable Creation Models
  - Naturalism
  - Young Earth Creation Model
  - Theistic Evolution

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## *Model Comparisons (Table 16.1)*

	Naturalism	Young-Earth	Theistic Evolution	RTB Creation Model
Fulfilled	1	3	4	20
Partially Fulfilled	1	0	5	1
Not Yet Fulfilled	1	1	2	1
Partly Falsified	3	1	11	0
Falsified	16	17	0	0

# Model Comparisons (Table 16.2 and 16.3)

**Table 16.2: Test Scores for Complex Science Predictions from 2006**

	Naturalism	Young-Earth	Theistic Evolution	RTB Creation
Fulfilled	0	10	1	27
Partly fulfilled	0	7	2	16
Not yet fulfilled	9	11	25	9
Partly falsified	19	1	17	0
Falsified	24	23	7	0

**Table 16.3: Test Scores for Social Sciences Predictions from 2006**

	Naturalism	Young-Earth	Theistic Evolution	RTB Creation
Fulfilled	0	1	0	1
Partly fulfilled	0	1	1	4
Not yet fulfilled	10	10	12	10
Partly falsified	4	3	2	0
Falsified	1	0	0	0

## *More Than a Theory-Predictions*

### *Other Resources*

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# Unchristian

Unfavorable Image	Outsiders, ages 16 to 29	
	a lot	a lot or some
antihomosexual	66 %	91 %
judgmental	57	87
hypocritical—saying one thing, doing another	54	85
too involved in politics	46	75
out of touch with reality	37	72
old-fashioned	28	78
insensitive to others	27	70
boring	27	68
not accepting of other faiths	22	64
confusing	19	61

Favorable Image		
teaches same basic idea as other religions	28	82
has good values and principles	26	76
friendly	18	71
a faith you respect	16	55
consistently shows love for other people	16	55
offers hope for the future	19	54
people you trust	9	52
seems genuine and real	11	41
something that makes sense	9	41
relevant to your life	10	30



# *Conclusions and Path Forward*

- Young Earth Creationism is a obstacle to many non-theists;
  - The big tent approach can create more obstacles by association, e.g., *Tammy Kitzmiller, et al. v. Dover Area School District (HSVRTB Jan 2005)*
- Our mission to share the Good News is further complicated by obstacles created by the evangelical community including political and social issues
- “Old-School” or relationship based disciple-making evangelism is the best approach